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## SPECULATOR ENDS LIFE WITH ACID.

Oswald Weber, Jr., of Brooklyn, Treasurer of Royal Arcanum Lodge, Commits Suicide at the Grand Union Hotel.

## LOST HEAVILY IN COFFEE.

On the Wrong Side When the Market Broke Recently and Was Badly Pinched—Spent Morning in His Office.

Oswald Weber, Jr., agent of the building at No. 128 Front street, committed suicide at the Grand Union Hotel today. He was found this afternoon in a dying condition, having drunk two ounces of prussic acid. He lived but a few minutes after the arrival of the ambulance surgeon from Bellevue Hospital.

Weber went to the hotel at 1 o'clock this afternoon. He registered under his right name and got a room, paying in advance, as he had no baggage.

At 2 o'clock a porter passing his room heard groans. The door was forced and Weber was found lying on the bed fully dressed. The porter at once notified the desk and medical aid was summoned, but the prussic acid was too deadly to be overcome.

Weber lived at No. 339 Eleventh street, Brooklyn, with his aged father, who is an invalid and whose support he was. Friends of Weber assert that speculation in coffee was the cause for his taking his life. He was heavily long of coffee, and when the market broke recently was badly pinched.

He was at his office as usual this morning and seemed in good spirits. He laughed and joked with a number of his friends who came in. Just before noon he went out, leaving word that he would be back later in the day. It is inferred that he went first to a drug store for the acid and then to the hotel where he drank it.

A. T. Stewart, of No. 108 Front street, a friend of the dead man, said that he was treasurer of a Royal Arcanum lodge, but wanted it understood that he did not handle any of the funds. Weber was also a Mason and a member of the Masonic Club in Brooklyn. Stewart said that he saw Weber this morning and that he was in such good spirits that he could not believe the report of his death when he heard it.

The suicide left a note marked "Not for publication," which read: "Notify my best friend, John J. Stuart, of Sweetser, Pembroke & Co., No. 356 Broadway. Do not notify any of my relatives. I want Mr. Stuart to take care of my things and body and have my body cremated by the Stevens Mortuary Company. I am tired of life and want to die."

## NINE MORE POLICE PROMOTIONS MADE.

Partridge Rewards Faithful Service with Appointments of Men as Detective Sergeants.

Commissioner Partridge today made nine promotions in the Police Department. He announced that he had taken into consideration the work and records of the men advanced.

The following were made Detective Sergeants: John V. Long, of the Detective Bureau, Brooklyn; John Mackin, Atlantic avenue station, Brooklyn; Richard L. Jackson and Thomas J. Mundy, both of the Detective Bureau, Manhattan.

To be detectives attached to the Manhattan Detective Bureau—Michael Prosel, East Sixty-seventh street station; Richard Manning, Fifth street station; Andrew J. Klerman, Seventy-fifth Precinct, Long Island City, and Joseph F. Roberts and George W. Reynolds, both of the Oak street station.

In announcing the promotion of Roberts and Reynolds, Commissioner Partridge said the two men were wardmen of Capt. O'Reilly and that he took great pleasure in selecting them for their new work because of the excellent service they had been doing under Capt. O'Reilly.

Office—Home—Club.  
The best features of each are combined in the equipment of the Pennsylvania Special, the train for Chicago.

## SLEUTH JACOBS' CASE MUDDLED.

Surrenders Himself to Court Policeman and the Magistrate Thinks He Has Disappeared When He Fails to Answer.

## GETS HABEAS CORPUS WRIT.

By Clerical Error This Is Dated Returnable at 10 O'Clock at Night and the Detective Narrowly Escapes Being Locked Up.

Now it is Jacobs, District Attorney Jerome's lightning-change sleuth, who indulges in habeas corpus proceedings. A representative of the law firm of Parsons, Closson & McIntyre, of which John E. Parsons is the head, got a writ of habeas corpus from Justice Scott this afternoon ordering Police Sergeant Patrick H. McGillivray, of the Yorkville Precinct, to produce Joseph Jacobs before Justice Scott tomorrow.

Justice Scott also issued a writ of certiorari, and through a clerical error the first was made returnable in the Supreme Court at "10 P. M.," and the second at "11 P. M."

"This cannot be right," said Magistrate Brann. The law clerk tried to explain.

"You don't know your business," Magistrate Brann added. "This map is not in the custody of the Court and here you serve me with writs returnable at night instead of in the day time."

The whole proceedings of Jacobs' hearing got mixed up this afternoon. Jacobs went into court to give himself up.

Magistrate Brann was out and Jacobs gave himself up to the sergeant of the Yorkville Court squad.

When the case was called late in the police court, Jacobs, of course, did not appear, and the explanation of his non-appearance had scarcely been made when the incident of the writs occurred.

Magistrate Brann could not understand why the writs were made returnable at night.

"They had a Citizens' Union clock," suggested Abe Gruber, who appeared in behalf of Campbell and his manager, Burbridge.

Assistant District Attorney Sanford then straightened out the tangle, and for a time Magistrate Brann threatened to lock Jacobs in a cell for the night. Finally it was decided to let the case go over until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and continue the sleuth's bail.

The petition upon which the writs were issued, signed by Jacobs, sets forth that as soon as he heard that Magistrate Brann had issued a warrant for his arrest on Wednesday on the complaint of Samuel G. Hitchens, charging him, Jacobs, with prying in the "John Doe" proceedings before Justice Wyatt, of Special Sessions, Dec. 19 and 17, he surrendered.

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## FIGHT IS ON AGAINST CAR JAMMING.

The State Railroad Commissioners in Conference with Representative of Merchants' Association Outline Scope of Inquiry.

## FIRST GUNFIRE TUESDAY.

Immediate Temporary Relief to Be Insisted On While Some Method Is Devised for Permanent Remedy.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, Dec. 26.—The State Board of Railroad Commissioners practically began its investigation of the complaint of lack of transit facilities in New York City today at a conference with Mr. Mead, secretary of the Committee on Franchises and Transportation of the Merchants' Association, of that city.

The State Board, through Col. Ashley W. Cole, its President, expressed itself as heavily in accord with the movement to secure better transit facilities in New York City, and promised co-operation to bring about a full performance of duty on the part of the railroad companies.

The conference was preliminary to the investigation which the board will open formally with a hearing in Brooklyn on Tuesday covering complaints of inadequacy of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit service and in Manhattan on Wednesday relative to the service of the Manhattan Elevated, the Metropolitan Surface and the Union Railway systems in Manhattan and the Bronx.

Scope of Inquiry.  
Col. Cole and Commissioner Frank M. Baker, of the commission, and Mr. Mead were present at the conference. The purpose was to ascertain from the State Board the contemplated scope of its investigation and to discuss the best plan to follow in its conduct.

The board contemplates, Mr. Mead learned, an exhaustive inquiry relative to the facilities which the railroad companies are affording the travelling public in New York City, the effect of such service and what can be done to bring about, first, a temporary and, second, a permanent relief.

The question of jurisdiction was discussed, and it was decided that the State Board has control over traffic facilities, and that the city and Board of Health jurisdictions extend mainly in the line of police and sanitary matters. Mr. Mead after the conference said:

To Define the Law.  
"The commission of lawyers called together by the Merchants' Association will meet tomorrow afternoon and will have a plan of action so that we will outline a plan of action on the basis of no delay when the Railroad Commissioners meet in Manhattan on Wednesday. We will then know fully the rights of the railroad companies and what is due to the public. We will seek immediate relief in one form or another if the situation requires it. The board has informed me that the investigation will be complete co-operation. It will take up the whole subject. That a favorable and speedy solution will be reached, I am confident."

Mr. Mead returned to New York at 4 o'clock. Col. Cole also went to the city.

WORLD AIDS IN FIGHT FOR BETTER TRANSIT.

The World today forwarded to the State Board of Railroad Commissioners the mass of evidence and the exhaustive tables concerning the running of trains on the "L" lines of New York. All information supplied by The World was in the form of sworn statements and will be used when the Commission begins its formal investigation Tuesday.

The statistics were secured by World reporters, who were stationed along the Sixth, Ninth and Third avenue lines, they recorded every train that passed the stations, noting the time and the condition of the cars. When their reports were handed in they were compared with the schedule supposed to be in operation.

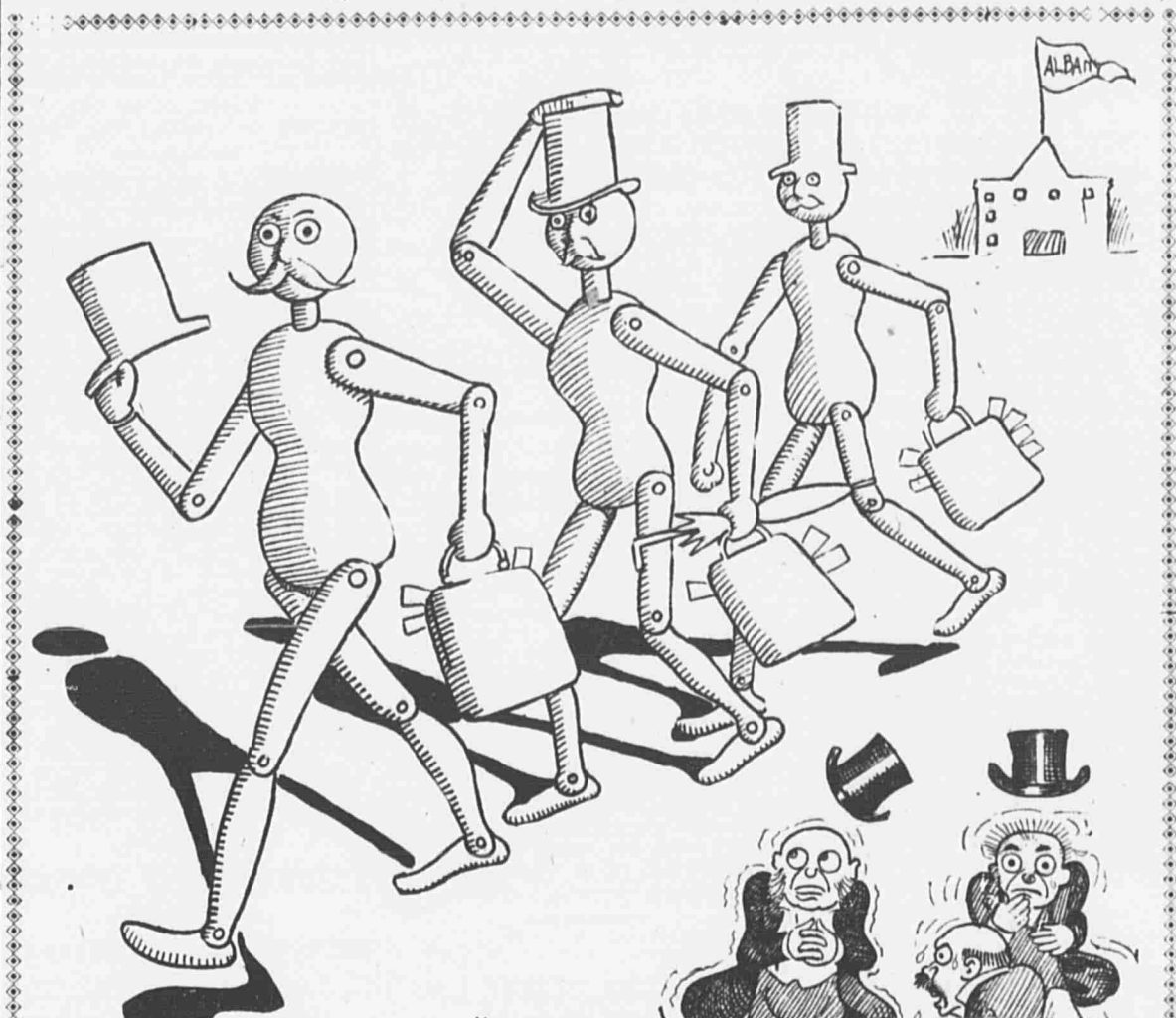
That this and much more testimony sworn to by the World reporters will be of much value to the commission is the statement of William F. King, of the Merchants' Association, which is conducting the fight for better facilities on the "L" roads for hauling passengers. It is in the fight determined to gain his end and says The World has been of great assistance in the work.

August Belmont, head of the Interborough system, which is to take the Manhattan "L" on April 1, was asked today at his home, No. 44 East Thirty-fourth street, if he had made any plans to improve the condition of the system under intolerable conditions of the patrons of the elevated lines.

"At the present time," said Mr. Belmont, "we are not operating the roads. Any comment should make as to future improvements might be considered in the light of criticism of the methods of the present management. I believe that everything is being done to get over the present difficulty."

To Cure a Cold in One Day  
Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

## THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS WILL GET THE "L" MEN IF THEY DON'T WATCH OUT (NOT).



THE STATE R.R. COMMISSION.  
"SEE THE MERRY L ROAD MAGNATES TREMBLE"

Hark, hark, the dogs do bark,  
The Commission is coming to town;  
No more crush for the "L" Road "push,"  
Magnates will bow low down—  
NIT! NIT! NIT!

## COAL FOR THE MORGAN FLATS.

Summons Procured for the Great Magnate Because of the Coldness of the Store the Nevelsons Rented Is Vacated.

## PROMISES TO PROVIDE HEAT.

The suit against J. P. Morgan, brought by Harry Nevelson for the alleged failure of the financier to provide heat in an apartment leased by Nevelson, has been settled out of court, it was stated at the office of Daniel W. Blumenthal, counsel for Nevelson, this morning.

Mr. Morgan is not to be summoned to court. Mr. Morgan got down to his office in Wall street at the usual time.

The settlement was arrived at after a conference between Mr. Nevelson, Mr. Blumenthal and Messrs. McClay & Davis, the agents for Mr. Morgan. There was no payment of money. Mr. Blumenthal said, but Mr. Morgan's agents promised that there would be an ample supply of coal in the apartment house at No. 90 Park avenue, and certain repairs would be made at once.

The following letter was addressed by Mr. Blumenthal to Mr. Morgan's agents today:

My client, Mr. Nevelson, has informed me of your proposition to adjust the matters of difference between him and Mr. Morgan, and I have advised him to accept the proposition. Accordingly I have given instructions to the City Marshal to withhold service of the summons, and shall see to it that all proceedings are discontinued.

Please arrange that the radiators in my client's establishment are repaired and that for the balance of the season an ample supply of coal is prepared for the building.

## NAVY CORNETIST GIVES BAIL.

Venevito Was Accused of Assaulting Band Leader.

Pasquale Venevito, of No. 1718 Second avenue, cornetist of the Brooklyn Navy Yard "Admiral Band," was today admitted to bail.

Magistrate Zeller, in the Harlem Court, on Wednesday held him to await the outcome of the injuries received by Lucien Contorno, seventy years old, the leader of the Fourteenth Regiment band, who claimed to be suffering from blood-poisoning caused by an alleged assault by Venevito. Two physicians reported that the found Contorno to be suffering only from three slight wounds made by an operation.

## WOMAN KILLED; POLICE BAFFLED.

Mary A. Darby Found Choked to Death in Her Home, Where She Lived All Alone in New Jersey.

## PROMISES TO PROVIDE HEAT.

(Special to The Evening World.) TOMS RIVER, N. J., Dec. 26.—The police of this county and State Detective Parker are investigating the murder of Mary A. Darby, whose body was found in her home at Tuckerton last night. The woman had been assaulted and then choked to death.

She lived alone and was last seen Wednesday afternoon, when some of her neighbors spoke to her. When she did not appear on Christmas her friends went to her house and found her body. No suspicious characters were seen about Tuckerton on Wednesday or yesterday and the police have little to work on. The woman was fifty-eight years old.

Business success depends upon energy, ability—and Sunday World Wants.

## ONE KILLED AND THREE HURT BY AN ERIE RAILROAD EXPRESS

PATERSON, Dec. 26.—One man was killed and three others injured, one perhaps fatally, on the Erie Railroad at Undercliff by being run down by an express train.

The four men were employed by the H. B. Strong Company, of Cleveland, O., contractors, for building additional tracks between Ridgewood and Turner's. The man killed was Edward Martin, of Berea, O. The injured are Henry Naholic, Stencil Stanislauski, of Berea, and William Shields, of Undercliff.

Shields may die.

## ITALY OFFICIALLY CONGRATULATES MARCONI.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 26.—The following message was received today at Glace Bay by Sig. Marconi, in reply to his wireless telegram to the Italian Minister of Marine:

"Considering the co-operation of the navy as a duty which was owed to you, I am happy and proud to have been responsible for arranging that it should be given. I congratulate you cordially upon the great success obtained. MINISTER MARINE."

## LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fifth Race—Sarlita 1, Rough Rider 2, Charles Ramsey 3. Sixth Race—Potente 1, Major Mansiv 2, Smile 3.

## HAGUE TRIBUNAL WILL ARBITRATE IN VENEZUELA.

President Forces England and Germany to Adopt His Plan of Referring the Dispute with Castro to the International Court for Adjudication.

Monroe Doctrine Is Not to Enter Into the Discussion When It Is Taken Up for Adjudication Is the Statement Sent Out from the Government at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt will not be the arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy. The whole vexatious subject will be referred for adjudication to The Hague tribunal.

Epitomized, this was the situation as it had resolved itself at the conclusion of the Cabinet meeting today. The meeting was not so long as the sessions of the Cabinet usually are. All the members except Secretary Root were present. The Venezuelan question was the principal and practically the only topic of general concern under consideration. Secretary Hay presented the net result of his cable correspondence with the Governments at London, Berlin, Rome and Caracas.

In accordance with the suggestion made several days ago by President Roosevelt, through Secretary Hay, President Castro, of Venezuela was reported to have agreed to submit the differences between his government and the European powers to the arbitration of the tribunal at The Hague. The European powers not only consented to submit the controversy to arbitration, but while they had expressed a preference for arbitration, to be conducted by President Roosevelt, they had assented to his suggestion that the matter be referred to The Hague.

The presentation of the case met the hearty approval of the members of the Cabinet. No fear is expressed by the Administration that the Monroe Doctrine will be brought into the controversy in any manner that might result in an embarrassing situation for the United States. Secretary Hay is preparing a note to the powers in which the gratification of this government is expressed for the course agreed upon by them in settlement of the pending difficulties.

## CONDITIONS NOT MADE PUBLIC.

No intimation is given of the conditions which may have been imposed by the European powers or by President Castro precedent to the arbitration. It is known that Great Britain was willing to submit the subject to the arbitration of President Roosevelt practically without conditions, but the suggestion is made that one and perhaps two of the other powers involved proposed some conditions which might have proved embarrassing to the President had he undertaken the responsibility of determining the question. It is understood that some money must pass, but it also is known that the amount of cash to be required of Venezuela before arbitration is not nearly so large as has been supposed.

## QUESTION OF APOLOGY.

It is not possible to learn either whether the allies insist upon apologies from Castro and, while it is assumed that the blockade will be speedily raised, no arrangement to that end has yet been made. The energies of the negotiators are now being devoted to the framing of what will be known as a conditional protocol, and it is hoped that while this class of document does not undertake to closely define the issues to be presented, it will still contain a provision for the removal of the blockade.

## WARSHIPS AVENGED AN INSULT TO BRITISH FLAG.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 26.—The British steamer Topaze, Capt. George R. Davidson commanding, has just arrived here with details of the assaults made on English and German subjects by the Venezuelans following the seizure of the Venezuelan fleet, of the ordering of British flags lowered and of the arrest and imprisonment of his crew and himself.

Capt. Davidson, who left La Guayra on Dec. 4, arrived at Puerto Cabello on Dec. 5, and remained there unloading until Dec. 8, when he heard of the trouble inland.

"About 8 o'clock in the evening of Dec. 9," said Capt. Davidson, "while we were discharging coal at the wharf we were surprised by the sudden appearance of an armed guard which, without parley, rushed aboard, and in a very rough and excited manner drove myself and my crew ashore at the points of their swords and loaded Mausers."

"The crew consisted of men of several nationalities. All were treated more like cattle than human beings. We were not given time to lock up our rooms or put on more clothing."

"Venezuela, even at this time of the year, is a very hot country. None of the crew had much clothing on and few inland."

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## PACIFIC CABLE IS NOW AT HONOLULU

Permanent Landing, It Is Announced, Will Be Made at Sandwich Islands in a Day or Two.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The following telegram has been received from the cable ship Silverton, at Honolulu, timed at 4 A. M. to-day:

"About to buoy the cable off the island of Oahu in about 450 fathoms of water. Up to this time 2,238 nautical miles of cable have been paid out."

The shore end of the cable, which is of a heavier type than the sea cable, will be spliced to the sea cable some miles off Diamond Head, which is to be the landing place of the cable. Until the splice is completed no further work will be received from the cable ship. It may take a day or two to complete the work.